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SUBJECT: SYRIAN-US BILATERAL CONSULAR RELATIONS

REF: A) DAMASCUS OM OF 5/2/78, B) DAMASCUS A-26 (77),
C) STATE 135428 (77), D) DAMASCUS A-17 (77)

1. DEPT. HAS PREPARED DRAFT BILATERAL CONVENTION AND IS TRANSMITTING COPY SEPARATELY. EMB. IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW THIS DOCUMENT AND ADVISE WHETHER IT WILL BE IN A POSITION TO COMMUNICATE IT TO SARG, AS STATED PARAGRAPH 4 REF A. ANY COMMENTS EMB. WISHES TO PROVIDE ON TEXT OF DRAFT WILL BE WELCOME.

2. THE DEPT. HAS ALSO STUDIED SYRIA-USSR CONSULAR AGREEMENT. (DEPT. HAS ALREADY SENT DETAILED COMMENTS ON THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN STATE 135428, JUNE 11, 1977.) ON
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SENSITIVE ISSUE OF CONSULAR NOTIFICATION AND ACCESS, THE DEPT. NOTES WITH PLEASURE THAT THE ANNEXED PROTOCOL PROVIDES FOR NOTIFICATION OF ARREST OR DETENTION WITHIN 3 DAYS AND GUARANTEE OF CONSULAR VISIT WITHIN 4 DAYS. DEPT. WOULD FIND THESE TIME LIMITS ACCEPTABLE IN ITS PROPOSED BILATERAL AGREEMENT BUT WOULD DEFER TO EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT CONCERNING EFFORT TO SECURE SHORTER TIME PERIODS. ARTICLE 37 OF

THE SYRIA-USSR CONVENTION CONTAINS MORE LIMITED PROVISIONS

ON COMMUNICATION AND CONTACT BETWEEN CONSULAR OFFICERS AND
DETAINED NATIONALS AND IS THUS NOT AS ACCEPTABLE AS THE
U.S. DRAFT. IN MANY OTHER RESPECTS U.S. LAW AND PRACTICE
ARE REFLECTED MORE ACCURATELY IN U.S. DRAFT. DRAFT
SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO SARG WITH THIS POINT IN MIND.

3. DEPT. IS NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO AUTHORIZE
INCLUSION OF AGREEMENT ON RECIPROCAL VISA POLICY ALONG
WITH DRAFT CONSULAR CONVENTION. THE DEPT. WOULD
APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING DIFFICULTIES IN
THIS AREA.

4. U.S. LAW CONTAINS NO IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS ON THE
VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS. THE USG REGARDS
THIS TREATY AS SELF-EXECUTING AND IT HAS BEEN SO APPLIED
SINCE RATIFICATION IN 1969. VANCE

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